

...AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSLISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims of the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

reproduction means to reproduce digital data from a recording medium recorded with the digital data and with retrieval information;

recording means for writing the digital data reproduced by said reproduction means and said retrieval information on a control table in an internal memory of said apparatus; and

a control circuit for searching the control table by using the retrieval information ~~when~~ before the digital data from the reproduction means is written by said recording means onto said internal memory, for permitting the writing of the digital data recorded on said recording medium into said internal memory when said retrieval information is not already recorded in said control table, and for ejecting said recording medium from said reproduction means, thereby prohibiting the writing of the digital data recorded on said recording medium into said internal memory, when said retrieval information is already recorded on said control table so that the digital data recorded on said recording medium is not recorded twice on said internal memory of said apparatus.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

a drive device to reproduce digital audio data and retrieval information from a recording medium recorded with the digital audio data;

recording means for writing into a hard disk drive device ~~written with~~ the digital audio data reproduced from said recording medium by said drive device, and for writing into a control table ~~containing the~~ retrieval information for the recording medium ~~written with said digital audio data~~ in said hard disk drive device from among a plurality of recording mediums; and

a control circuit to search the control table by using the retrieval information ~~when~~ before the digital data from the ~~reproduction means~~ drive device are written by said recording means onto said hard disk drive device, to permit the writing of the digital audio data recorded on said recording medium with said recording means when said retrieval information is not recorded in said control table, and to ~~prohibit~~ eject said recording medium from said drive device, thereby prohibiting the writing of digital audio data recorded on said recording medium with said recording means, when said retrieval information is already recorded on said control table so that the digital audio data recorded on said recording medium is not recorded twice on said hard disk drive device.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising display means connected to said control circuit, wherein

when said control circuit prohibits writing onto the hard disk drive device of the digital audio data recorded on said recording medium, said display means displays information indicating that writing is prohibited and the digital audio data is reproduced from the hard disk drive device.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein when writing the digital audio data reproduced from said recording medium onto said hard disk drive device, said control circuit first compresses the digital audio data reproduced from said recording medium and writes the compressed digital audio data onto said hard disk drive device.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus according to claim 4, wherein

said control table contains information pairing said digital audio data with the retrieval information for the recording medium written with the digital audio data in said hard disk drive device; and

said control table has data showing a write position of said digital audio data in said hard disk drive device.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus

according to claim 3, wherein

said control table contains information pairing said retrieval information for the recording medium written with digital audio data in said hard disk drive device with data showing a write position of said digital audio data in said hard disk drive device; and

said control table has character data displayed as text information in said display means.

Claims 7-8 (Cancelled).